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35th LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT

2005 Survey

Dear Neighbor:

Representing you in Olympia for the past 15 years has been both an honor and a privilege. The 2006 legislative session begins Jan. 9 and ends March 9.

In order to better represent you, I need your guidance and assistance. Your response to this survey will help me determine our district's priorities as I head back to Olympia in January for the short, 60-day session.

Your opinions matter to me and I have included a space on the survey for your comments. I look forward to reading your responses.

On a personal note, I know that you join me in thanking Betty Germeau, my long-time legislative assistant, as she begins a well-deserved retirement from public service. For more than 30 years, Betty touched the lives of countless constituents. Her compassion and tireless advocacy will be missed.

Josh Tuckett, my new legislative assistant, will start his first session and I know that you will find him a capable and knowledgeable advocate for you as well.

Please don't hesitate to contact my office whenever you need assistance.

Sincerely,

Tim Sheldon

Tim Sheldon
State Senator, 35th Legislative District

Survey Instructions:

Record your responses by shading the entire circle of your answer using a blue or black pen. Record any additional comments in the area provided on the back page.

Shade circles like this: ●

Not like this: ⊗

Or this: ⊙

1 Initiative 601. I-601 limits state spending and requires a two-thirds majority vote in the House of Representatives and Senate to raise taxes. This past session, the initiative was amended. The funding formula was changed. Now, lawmakers only need a simple majority vote to raise taxes.

A. Is this issue important to you?

	Voter 1	Voter 2
Very important.....	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Somewhat important.....	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Not important.....	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

B. In the past two years, has the Legislature done a better job of controlling the state's expenditures?

	Voter 1	Voter 2
Yes	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
No.....	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

C. As revenues increase, should the state fund more programs?

	Voter 1	Voter 2
Yes	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
No.....	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

D. Does the state still need spending control?

	Voter 1	Voter 2
Yes	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
No.....	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

2 Low Dissolved Oxygen Levels in Hood Canal. Residents are very aware of the high nitrogen levels in Hood Canal that contribute to fish kills and cause environmental damage. Onsite sewage systems have been identified as a contributing factor. A recent survey by the Hood Canal Coordinating Council estimates that the average age of onsite home septic systems is 20 years.

A. Is this issue important to you?

	Voter 1	Voter 2
Very important.....	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Somewhat important.....	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Not important.....	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

B. How do you rank the following management solutions, from 1 (most important) to 5 (least important)?

	Voter 1					Voter 2				
	1	2	3	4	5	1	2	3	4	5
Livestock management ..	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Nitrogen reducing technologies for onsite sewage systems	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Sewage management alternatives	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Citizen education	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Sewer system upgrades with financing options...	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

3 Elections Reform. The 2005 Legislature passed a major elections bill that many believe protects the rights of law-abiding voters and restores voter trust in our elections system. Some changes include: paper trails for electronic voting machines; elimination of ballot enhancement; provisional ballots printed on a different color of paper; and comparing voter databases against other records to remove the names of felons and deceased persons.

A. With these current changes in place, do you feel your ballot is secure?

	Voter 1	Voter 2
Very secure	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Somewhat secure.....	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Not secure	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>



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B. With the change to vote-by-mail balloting, how secure do you feel about your mail-in ballot?

	Voter 1	Voter 2
Very secure	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Somewhat secure	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Not secure	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

4 Transportation. Infrastructure improvements are crucial for moving people and goods throughout the region. The 35th district is no exception; residents have the highest out-of-county commuting rate in the state. Although the Legislature secured funding for local highway and bridge improvements, more work is still needed to unclog traffic.

A. How important is this issue to you?

	Voter 1	Voter 2
Very important	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Somewhat important	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Not important	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

B. What is the best way to fund improvements to our regional roadways?

	Voter 1	Voter 2
Tolls	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Statewide gas tax	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Regional gas tax	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Vehicle licensing fees	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Other _____		

5 Education. The 2008 high school graduating class will be required to pass the Washington Assessment of Student Learning (WASL) tests to receive their diplomas.

A. How important is this issue to you?

	Voter 1	Voter 2
Very important	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Somewhat important	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Not important	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

B. Which option do you support?

	Voter 1	Voter 2
Maintain current WASL testing requirement	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Maintain testing, but eliminate WASL as a graduation requirement	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Eliminate all WASL tests	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

6 Sex offenders. The Community Protection Act of 1990 and subsequent laws require convicted sex offenders to register in the county in which they reside. Unless a court restriction exists, sex offenders have the constitutional right to live wherever they choose. Law enforcement doesn't have the legal authority to direct sex offenders where to live or not to live. The Legislature is considering several ideas that may boost public safety by increasing the ability of law enforcement to monitor the whereabouts of sex offenders, particularly homeless offenders. These include electronic home monitoring or the use of global positioning systems.

A. If the appropriate technology is available and the Legislature could provide adequate funding, would you support this legislation?

	Voter 1	Voter 2
Yes	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
No	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

7 NASCAR. While the Legislature hasn't seen any concrete proposal from the International Speedway Corporation (ISC), many anticipate a bill that would provide financial support through a public/private partnership to build a new racetrack near the Bremerton National Airport.

A. If the ISC bid provides substantial business and tax benefits to our area, would you support some public funding by the state?

	Voter 1	Voter 2
Yes	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
No	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Comments on any of the survey topics: _____

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